(a) whether it is a fact that production of pulses has not been keeping pace with optimum level of consumption of pulses in India;

(b) if so, production of different pulses and quantity imported during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to increase production of pulses to achieve selfsufficiency?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of production and import of pulses during the last three years, *i.e.*; 2005-06 to 2007-08 are as under:—

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Production	Quantity Imported
2005-06	13.39	1.65
2006-07	14.20	2.21
2007-08	14.76	2.79

(c) In order to increase the production and productivity of pulses, a Centrally Sponsored "Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize" (ISOPOM) is being implemented since 01.04.2004 in 14 States. In addition to the above, the National Food Security Mission-Pulses is also, under implementation in 171 identified districts of 14 States since 2007-08. The NFSM-Pulses aims to increase production of pulses by 2 million tonnes by the end of Eleventh Plan Period *i.e.* 2011-12 through increase in area by inter-cropping and coverage of rice fallows etc.

Production of dry mushroom

2282. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that selling price of dry mushroom (Guchchhi) has come down from Rs. 6000/- per kg. to Rs. 3000/- per kg. which has shrunken the area of its cultivation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to encourage production of this special mushroom; and

(d) how it is ensured that there is no adulteration in the product marketed in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The selling price of dry mushroom (Guchchhi) is between Rs. 6000/- to 6500/- per kg.

(c) Guchchhi is a wild mushroom collected from the forests by local people and marketed. This mushroom is not a cultivable variety.

(d) Guchchhi cannot be adulterated by mixing with other mushroom because of its peculiar shape, size and colour.